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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION OF 1113.

Monday, 18th July 1938.
3rd Karkadagam 1113.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at 11 of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. T. K. Nayar, C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, C. R. Iyyunni, Ismail Hajee Issa Sait and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

Questions and Answers.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT—SUPPLY OF MANURE FOR EXPERIMENTAL PLOTS.

16. Mr. M. K. Devassy: (*a*) Is it a fact that private individuals are supplied with manure from the Agricultural Department for the purpose of opening experimental plots;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, is the full application of this manure in these plots effectively supervised by the Government?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The Agricultural Inspectors supervise the application of manures.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: Does the Government get any return for the manure supplied?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The manure is supplied free.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Is there any proportion as regards the distribution?

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Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Generally all applicants have been given. There have not been cases of denial.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Is the supply made from the Agricultural Farm?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: From the depot in the Central Farm.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: What are the terms of the supply?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The manure is supplied free and after the manuring is over the Inspectors will go and actually supervise at the various stages of farming just to watch the results.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Is the Inspector bound to go there at the time of application?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Not at the time of supply. That is a comparatively simple process. Periodical visits are paid just to watch the results.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Is the Government aware of any misapplication of manure?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I do not think there has been any complaint.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Are manures distributed from the Central Farm alone?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: It is supplied from the nearest depot.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Is it for demonstration purposes?

Mr. A Sivarama Menon: Yes. It is not for cultivating the whole plot—only portions of specified areas.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, what is the result of that demonstration?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: On the whole very satisfactory.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Are more people taking to this manure purchase?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: They are doing it. As a result of the progress they actually find they do come in and purchase manure.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Is there any increase in the sale of manure?

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Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice in regard to these details.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know how many agriculturists have been supplied?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Are the people of the southern Taluks benefitted?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There is no distinction as regards the southern and northern Taluks.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: For men from Chalakkudi to go to Trichur, is it practicable?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: They do find it practicable.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Is the hon'ble Minister, Sir, in a position to say that these demonstration farms yield better results than the private farms under the old system that prevailed in the country?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes. That is the experience of the department.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Has it been published?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes. It has been published. In the leaflets published these details are referred to.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: My question, Sir, is whether the hon ble Minister has satisfied himself that the general impression of the department that the yields are better is a correct impression.

Mr. President: Give him some time for that.

THE TRAVANCORE NATIONAL AND QUILON BANK, LTD.— PARTICULARS REGARDING.

17. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of branches the Travancore National and Quilon Bank, Ltd., had in Cochin State; at what all places;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the stopping of the transactions of this Bank;

(*c*) whether the Government have any idea about the money invested by Cochinites in this Bank in deposits and shares?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: (*a*) Four branches—at Trippunittura, Ernakulam, Cochin and Trichur.

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